

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A system for changing a communication means used for communication between two software agents, the system ~~further comprising:~~

a communication server, and

each of said software agents ~~including~~ comprises:

a communication module giving access to said communication means; and

means for receiving a new communication module from said communication server.

2. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, in which said software agents further comprise means for sending a request to said communication server to cause said new communication module to be transmitted ~~transited~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, in which said communication server comprises ~~includes~~ means for receiving requests for loading communication means from a man machine interface, causing said new communication module to be transmitted.

4. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, in which said communication server further ~~includes~~ comprises means for responding to internal rules to decide that said new communication module should be transmitted.

5. (Original) A system according to claim 1, in which said communication module is loaded dynamically by said software agents.

6. (Original) A system according to claim 1, in which said software agents and said communication modules communicate via a common programming interface.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of correcting a breakdown in a communication means used between two software agents, the method comprising ~~the following ordered steps~~:

said software agents sending messages to a communication server informing it of said breakdown;

said server sending communication modules to said software agents, said communication modules being designed to give access to a different communication means; and

said software agents using said communication modules to continue communicating.

8. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein said different communication means is a different type of communication means.

9. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein said different type of communication means is a broadcast type of communication means.

10. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein said different type of communication means is a point to point type of communication means.

11. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein said software agents are software program objects in a distributed computing, each of said agents further comprises a common programming interface, and wherein said communication module translates between the common interface and another programming interface specific to said different communication means.

12. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein each of said software agents use said new communication module to access new communication means to communicate with each other.

13. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein each of said software agents further comprises means for switching from the communication module to the new communication module, and wherein the new communication module provides access to a different communication means, and wherein each of said software agents communicate with each other via the different communication means.